

R E P O R T
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OFFICERS
—AND—
COMMITTEES
OF THE TOWN OF
NORTHFIELD
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1917



REPORT
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NORTHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

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Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin.

GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, February 4, 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the several Town officers and Committees, or act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year, the following to be on one ballot, viz., Town Clerk, Treasurer, Three Selectmen, One Assessor for three years, One School Committee for three years, Two Library Committees for three years, One Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Three Constables, Tree Warden, Tax Collector. Also to bring in ballots, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?

ART. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year to an amount not exceeding the tax levy and to issue a note or notes hereafter payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year, or act thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$150 for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be paid to and expended by G. A. R. Post 171, or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in care and preservation of shade trees, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to employ a School Physician, in accordance with Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700, to pay the interest and sixteenth bond of the Bennett's Meadow bridge debt, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,630, to apply on High School and Memorial Hall debt, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for oiling the principal streets, or act thereon.

ART. 11. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$100, under authority of Chapter 707 of the Acts of 1914, to be paid to the Franklin County Farm Bureau, Inc., and expended for the purpose of Agricultural demonstration work, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$250 to repair road from East Northfield Station to watering trough near John Finn's House provided Northfield Seminary and Hotel Northfield will raise an equal amount, or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will authorize its Selectmen to rent the tillage land west of the baseball ground on the School House lot, for a term of years to Rev. A. N. Thompson, or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 to build a gravel sidewalk on the south side of Warwick Ave. from the corner of Main St., going east. The abutter, Harry M. Haskell, to pay one-fourth of expense, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to place lights on East St., or act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for an Old Home Day, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money, for the care and increase of hydrant service, for the care and increase of apparatus for fighting fires, and for an enlarged and better drilled fire department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will authorize or instruct the Board of Selectmen to grant to the Northfield Board of Trade the free use of the Town Hall on all evenings but Friday night and for the lower part of the Town Hall on Friday evenings, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will rescind the vote where \$100 was raised and appropriated for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C., or take any action thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install heat and sanitation in the Northfield Farms School House and Hall, or act thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$150 for care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for installing a permanent Moving Picture Booth in the Town Hall, or act thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for necessary repairs on Town Hall, on floors and present sanitation, or act thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install one electric light on Glen Street, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, Northfield Farms, West Northfield, and at the School House in District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand and nine hundred and eighteen.

FRED W. DOANE,
L. A. POLHEMUS,
C. S. TENNEY,

Selectmen of Northfield.

Town Officers

Town Clerk and Treasurer

WARREN J. WRIGHT

Selectmen

FRED W. DOANE C. S. TENNEY L. A. POLHEMUS

School Committee

LEON R. ALEXANDER,	Term expires 1918
FRANK L. DULEY,	Term expires 1919
RALPH O. LEACH,	Term expires 1920

Library Committee

FRANK L. DULEY,	Term expires 1918
ROSCOE H. PHILBRICK,	Term expires 1918
E. F. HOWARD,	Term expires 1919
NORMAN P. WOOD,	Term expires 1919
BLANCHE M. WELCH,	Term expires 1920
S. CATHERINE RICHARDSON,	Term expires 1920

Librarian

MRS. C. A. RANDALL

Cemetery Commissioners

FRANK WOOD,	Term expires 1918
C. I. HOLTON,	Term expires 1919
GEORGE N. KIDDER,	Term expires 1920

Constables

FRED W. DOANE L. O. CLAPP ANSON O. HOWARD

Assessors

CLINTON A. WARE,	Term expires 1918
MERRILL T. MOORE,	Term expires 1919
F. W. WILLIAMS,	Term expires 1920

Town Accountant

BENJAMIN F. FIELD

Tree Warden

JOSEPH E. COLTON

Fence Viewers

DWIGHT PRESTON FRANK V. WOOD FRED W. DOANE

Field Drivers

FRED W. DOANE C. R. CARMEAN F. A. WELCH

Pound Keeper

LUCKY O. CLAPP

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

C. R. NELSON W. A. JOHNSON R. O. LEACH
H. A. REED GEORGE W. PIPER LAWRENCE QUINLAN

Tax Collector

LUCKY O. CLAPP

Sealer of Weights and Measures

HENRY H. MASON

Fire Wardens

FRED W. DOANE GEORGE W. PIPER
FRANK H. MONTAGUE HENRY C. HOLTON
FRANK KENDRICK

Registrars of Voters

JOHN T. CALLAGHAN FRED A. HOLTON
FRANK H. MONTAGUE

Inspectors of Provisions

FRANK E. HEALD JONES J. FISHER FRANK L. HOWE

Inspector of Animals

FRANK E. HEALD

Forest Fire Warden

FRED W. DOANE

Report of the Selectmen

We respectfully submit to you the report of our doings for the year 1917.

Our appropriations have been entirely used up and we had to transfer some of the money from the oiling fund to meet some necessary expenses which were incurred. Owing to the advance in prices for labor and teams not as much was accomplished on our highways. It was necessary to expend over \$100.00 on the road near Charles B. Field's house. An appropriation was called for at the last annual meeting, but the article was passed over. This piece of road has cost the town annually for several years from \$40.00 to \$80.00, and we feel now that the repairs are permanent, as far as we have gone.

We were obliged to take some of the money from the appropriation for the cement bridge near L. O. Clapp's to make temporary repairs, as the North wall has caved in and we felt it was very unsafe. We were unable to get anyone to take the contract for the amount that was appropriated. Something must be done to increase the appropriation so the bridge can be permanently rebuilt.

The appropriation of \$200.00 was spent on the Schell road, not as satisfactorily as we hoped owing to the quality of the gravel we had to use and the extremely dry time after putting it on. The road near Leslie Tyler's was gravelled. When the \$200.00 was used up it was not completed. We continued to the foot of the hill at an expense of \$260.00, which was paid for by the Seminary. Excellent gravel was found near R. K. Caldwell's place, but the expense of hauling was considerably more than from other places.

The road at Northfield Farms has been completed. Considerable topdressing was done and more money was required to finish it satisfactorily than we anticipated. The State appropriated one-half of the extra expense.

Owing to present conditions we would not recommend any

larger appropriations for the running expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

FRED W. DOANE,
L. A. POLHEMUS,
C. S. TENNEY,
Selectmen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND

Mrs. Dwight Smith,	\$ 5 00
Emma and Hattie Hilliard,	10 00
Mrs. Nettie Perry,	5 00
Mrs. Leon Miller,	5 00
Mrs. Amelia Marsh,	5 00
Mrs. Sarah Brigham,	5 00
Mrs. Mary Driscoll,	5 00
Mrs. Dora Goldsmith,	5 00

Treasurer's Report

Town of Northfield in Account with Warren J. Wright,

Treasurer

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By balance, from previous year's account,	\$ 6,844 79
By cash, E. C. Field, account cemetery fund interest, F. Lane and L. Holton,	5 62
By cash, County Treasurer, account dog fund (returned),	143 37
By cash, State Treasurer, account Massachusetts school fund,	805 14
By cash, Geo. N. Kidder, account sale of cemetery lots,	26 00
By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank, account temporary loan, due 10/15/'17 (settled),	8,000 00
	————— \$15,824 92
By cash, B. F. Field, account A. M. D. Alexander, rent,	92 00
By cash, B. F. Field, account Town Hall, rent,	84 00
By cash, State of Massachusetts, account tuition,	26 50
By cash, Inter State Mortgage Trust Co., account Belcher coupons,	

Dickinson Memorial Library,	150 00	
By cash, County Treasurer, account bounty on wild cat,	5 00	
By cash, Geo. N. Kidder, account sale of cemetery lots,	49 00	
By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank, ac- count temporary loan, due 11/15/'17 (settled),	6,000 00	
		6,406 50
By cash, Town of Montague, account Bennett's Meadow bridge,	307 93	
By cash, Town of Greenfield, account Bennett's Meadow bridge,	369 52	
By cash, John Dale, account check re- turned,	1 50	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account Center Cemetery,	30 00	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account Center School,	30 00	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account Dickinson Memorial Library,	160 00	
By cash, B. F. Field, account A. M. D. Alexander, rent,	46 00	
By cash, B. F. Field, account Town Hall, rent ,	90 00	
By cash, Town of Gill, account Ben- nett's Meadow bridge,	461 90	
By cash, Town of Bernardston, ac- count Bennett's Meadow bridge,	246 35	
By cash, Town of Warwick, account Bennett's Meadow bridge,	156 96	
		1,900 16
By cash, J. T. Cummings, account auctioneer's license,	2 00	
By cash, State Treasurer, account highway,	200 00	
By cash, B. F. Field, account A. M. D. Alexander, rent,	23 00	

By cash, J. L. Cook, account fines,	18 00	
By cash, State Treasurer, account inspection of animals,	44 25	
By cash, A. A. Dunklee, account tuition,	120 60	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account Center School,	2 00	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account Center Cemetery,	19 00	
By cash, H. H. Mason, account Sealer of Weights and Measures,	25 00	
By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank, account temporary loan, due 2/15/'18,	4,000 00	
By cash, State Treasurer, account state highways,	100 00	
By cash, B. F. Field, account A. M. D. Alexander, rent,	30 00	
		4,583 85
By cash, Town of Warwick, account damage to auto truck,	20 00	
By cash, Town of Greenfield, account damage to auto truck,	48 00	
By cash, State Treasurer, account school tuition,	500 00	
By cash, B. F. Field, account Town Hall, rent,	90 00	
By cash, Town of Montague, account damage to auto truck,	40 00	
By cash, Town of Bernardston, account damage to auto truck,	32 00	
By cash, Central Vt. R. R., account fighting fires,	65 50	
By cash, S. A. Norton, account schools,	500 00	
		1,295 50
By cash, Town of Gill, account damage to auto truck,	60 00	

By cash, H. L. Hayden, account ped-		
dler's license,	6 00	
By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank, ac-		
count temporary loan, due		
4/15/'18,	8,000 00	
By cash, M. T. Moore, account 1914		
tax (settled),	345 84	
By cash, M. T. Moore, account 1914		
tax, interest,	58 65	
By cash, \$4.00, account Geo. P.		
Field, State aid,	4 00	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account		
Dickinson Memorial Library,	107 67	
By cash, F. W. Williams, account hay		
on school lot,	20 00	
		8,602 16
By cash, Northfield Seminary, ac-		
count road oil,	427 00	
By cash, Town of Gill, account school		
tuition,	45 00	
		472 00
By cash, State Treasurer :		
Corporation tax, P. S.,	299 01	
Corporation tax, business,	21 38	
Income tax,	1,528 03	
National Bank tax,	81 78	
Military aid,	316 00	
Soldiers' exemption,	17 84	
		2,264 04
By cash, District Court, account fines,	38 00	
By cash, Northfield Hotel Co., ac-		
count road oil,	97 30	
By cash, E. C. Field, account Union		
Hall, rent,	28 00	
By cash, \$6.00, account Lewis Fow-		
ler, State aid,	6 00	
		169 30
By cash, State Treasurer, account		

School tuition, State Board of Charity,	33 00	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account Dickinson Memorial Library,	4 67	
By cash, B. F. Field, account A. M. D. Alexander, rent,	15 00	
By cash, B. F. Field, account Town Hall, rent,	94 00	
By cash, State Treasurer, account highways,	115 50	
By cash, E. F. Howard, account tui- tion, etc.,	483 50	
By cash, F. W. Doane, account gaso- line licenses,	12 00	
By cash, District Court, account fines,	350 00	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account Dickinson Memorial Library,	182 00	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account Center Cemetery,	9 00	
By cash, Belcher coupons, account Center School,	24 00	
		1,322 67
By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank, ac- count cemetery fund, interest:		
S. A. Holton,	8 24	
J. L. Mattoon,	4 12	
Jas. Pickard,	4 12	
Levi Fay,	6 18	
Sarah Minot,	6 18	
Lois Stratton,	4 12	
		32 96
By cash, Franklin Savings Institu- tion, cemetery fund, interest:		
Chas. Alexander,	8 08	
Jas. White,	4 04	
A. M. D. Alexander,	12 12	
Miss Gang,	4 04	
Adaline W. Moody,	4 04	

E. and E. Stratton,	4 04	
A. and A. Sawyer,	4 04	
Wm. H. Stratton,	4 04	
M. A. and E. Belcher,	40 40	
Elijah E. Belding,	4 04	
Elijah Belding,	5 04	
Lucy M. Webster,	20 20	
		114 12
By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank, account surplus revenue (schools),	99 26	
By cash, Franklin Savings Institution, account M. A. and E. Belcher (Center School),	40 40	
By cash, State Treasurer, account Income tax,	140 00	
		279 66
By cash, H. H. Mason, account Sealer of Weights and Measures,	6 16	
By cash, F. W. Doane, account sale of old bridge plank:		
John Dunnell,	84	
E. E. Russell,	3 90	
Frank Harness,	10 00	
A. A. Dunklee & Sons,	15 15	
F. A. Davis,	13 65	
C. S. Tenney,	27 22	
John Grace,	17 50	
C. E. Williams,	1 75	
H. A. Reed,	3 00	
Northfield Hotel Co.,	52 50	
Mr. Lehman,	3 50	
R. W. Russell,	20 40	
Geo. O. Dunnell,	16 09	
By cash, E. F. Howard, account schools,	99 87	
		291 53
By cash, L. O. Clapp, Tax Collector:		
Account 1915 Tax (settled),		64 74

Account 1915 Tax, interest,	4 00
Account 1916 Tax,	4,285 19
Account 1916 Tax, interest,	73 05
Account 1917 Tax,	28,540 00
	\$76,526 35

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To paid Treasury Warrants,	\$64,692 64
To cash on hand,	11,833 71
	\$76,526 35

WARREN J. WRIGHT,
Town Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., January 1, 1918.

Report of Trust Funds

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cemetery Funds in Greenfield Savings Bank

No. 19838	S. A. Holton,	\$200 00
No. 20865	J. L. Mattoon,	100 00
No. 12719	Jas. Pickard,	100 00
No. 15962	Levi Fay,	150 00
No. 12806	Sarah Minot,	150 00
No. 23751	Lois Stratton,	100 00
No. 23927	Alvin Long,	50 00

Cemetery Funds in Franklin Savings Institution

No. 18761	Charles Alexander,	\$ 200 00
No. 28960	James White,	100 00
No. 26642	A. M. D. Alexander,	300 00
No. 31621	Miss Gang,	100 00
No. 17631	Adaline W. Moody,	100 00
No. 14540	E. and E. Stratton,	100 00
No. 16813	A. and A. Sawyer,	100 00
No. 17136	Wm. H. Stratton,	100 00
No. 29987	M. A. and E. Belcher,	1,000 00
No. 36794	Elijah E. Belding,	100 00
No. 36793	Elijah Belding,	125 00
No. 36875	Lucy M. Webster,	500 00
No. 41709	Augusta L. Day,	100 00

Greenfield Savings Bank

No. 1894	Surplus revenue (schools),	\$1,600 00
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Franklin Savings Institution

No. 29986	M. A. and E. Belcher Center School,	\$1,000 00
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Crocker Institution for Savings

No. 15806	Gage and Clowes,	\$100 00
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Belcher Trust Funds to Dickinson Memorial Library

No. 792	Bonds, Southern Bell Tel. and Tel. Co. Interest July and Jan., 5%,	\$ 500 00
No. 8229	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power Co. Interest Jan. and	

	July, $4\frac{1}{2}\%$,	1,000 00
No. 13074	Bonds A, B, C, D, E, Inter State Mortgage Trust Co. Interest due April 1 at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$,	5,000 00
No. 11661,	No. 13349, No. 13350 (3) Great Western Power Co., \$1,000. In- terest due Jan. 1 and July 1 at 5%,	3,000 00
No. 13298	Bond, Inter State Mortgage Trust Co. Interest due May 1 and Nov. 1 at 6%,	2,000 00
No. C 11,	No. C 12, No. C 23, No. C 24 (4) \$100 Arkansas Valley Interurban Railway Co. Interest due June 1 and Dec. 1 at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$,	400 00
No. 749	Topeka Edison Co. Interest due Jan. and July, 5%,	1,000 00
No. 2494	Joplin and Pittsburgh Rail Co. In- terest March and Sept., 5%,	1,000 00
No. 32450	Franklin Savings Institution,	37 00
	Total,	13,937 00
No: 11472	Bond, Interstate Belcher Center School,	\$1,000 00
No. 11519	Bond, Interstate Belcher Center Cemetery,	700 00
No. 12564	Bond, Interstate Belcher Center Cemetery,	300 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. WRIGHT,

Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., January, 1918.

Town Accountant's Report

HIGHWAYS

LABOR AND TEAMS.

February

C. H. Field, labor and team,	\$ 20 90
G. W. Piper,	7 00
J. J. Fisher,	8 50
C. A. Parker,	9 65
A. W. Mead,	10 00
J. Creelan, and teams,	10 00
F. W. Doane,	4 00
C. H. Miller,	2 00
R. E. Long and teams,	10 00
C. I. Holton and teams,	50 00
A. W. Ward and teams,	3 03
F. H. Montague and teams,	55
E. C. Field and teams,	1 75
J. L. Hammond and teams,	36 20

March

O. S. Fisher and teams,	9 75
R. E. Long and teams,	5 19

April

Frank Kenney,	9 37
C. I. Tenney,	1 50
C. I. Tenney,	5 50
C. I. Tenney and teams,	49 15
G. W. Piper and team,	19 10
F. W. Doane and team,	6 00
John Dale,	1 50
E. F. Walleth,	4 50

May

L. W. Pratt and team,	13 00
H. O. Russell and team,	6 75
John Dale and team,	11 00
F. W. Doane and team,	10 00

A. W. Mead and team,	19 50
C. I. Tenney and team,	10 00
G. H. Miller and team,	8 33
F. H. Montague and team,	10 56
E. C. Field and team,	11 25
C. W. Stratton and team,	11 00
Eber Thornton and team,	11 00
L. W. Pratt and team	15 75
G. W. Piper and team,	51 45
H. O. Russell,	22 50
John Dale,	23 50
F. W. Doane,	4 60
E. C. Field,	6 85
Oren Darling,	1 25

June

A. W. Mead and team,	104 75
Henry O. Russell,	10 25
F. W. Williams and team,	38 00
J. E. Ross and team,	13 50
G. W. Piper and team,	32 50
H. O. Russell,	21 25

July

A. W. Mead and team,	46 63
J. Rawson,	2 00
A. Walleth and team,	62 25
Geo. Slate,	21 75
O. S. Fisher,	7 13
D. P. Fisher,	6 20
O. S. Fisher and team,	47 25
D. L. Atwood,	3 50
Ed Cosgrove,	9 00
A. Richter, labor,	4 00
F. W. Doane,	2 50
F. A. Bigelow,	2 50
C. I. Holton and team,	36 40
Geo. Piper and team,	15 00
A. W. Mead and team,	36 00
F. A. Bigelow,	17 50

August

F. W. Doane,	2 00
A. W. Mead and team,	69 00
F. A. Bigelow,	26 25
F. A. Bigelow,	13 75
P. Kavanaugh,	6 11
Geo. Miller,	14 65
A. Whitaker,	5 00
Geo. Pratt,	3 61
C. I. Tenney and team,	118 45
E. C. Field,	5 55

September

G. W. Piper and team,	11 50
F. H. Ross and team,	33 63
A. W. Mead and team,	123 00
F. A. Bigelow,	55 00
L. W. Pratt and team,	33 25
G. W. Piper and team,	40 60
E. H. White,	8 75

October

Northfield Seminary teams,	95 17
H. B. Doane,	4 00
C. I. Holton and team,	31 50
F. W. Doane,	10 50
L. S. Quinlan and team,	342 85
F. A. Bigelow,	40 00
H. E. Hallett,	16 50
A. W. Mead and team,	95 83
F. W. Williams and team,	17 50
O. S. Fisher and team,	81 75
L. C. Miller,	1 00
C. A. Parker and team,	55 33
C. C. Morgan,	5 00
C. W. Stratton,	10 00
A. W. Ward,	24 00
A. Whitaker,	10 00
F. H. Montague and team,	24 00
E. C. Field,	10 70

E. Thornton,	10 00
John Galvas,	24 00
G. H. Miller,	12 00
Wilson Lyman,	13 75
Dana Fisher,	18 00
November	
A. W. Mead and team,	12 00
C. I. Tenney,	7 00
C. W. Stratton,	5 00
F. H. Montague,	16 31
F. H. Ross,	5 00
E. Thornton,	5 00
December	
L. S. Quinlan,	6 00
G. W. Piper,	29 93
L. W. Pratt,	4 25
Total,	\$2,687 26

GRAVEL

Feb.	F. A. Adams,	\$ 9 00
	F. W. Williams,	1 50
	G. H. Miller,	6 90
Mch.	G. H. Miller,	6 90
May	E. I. Parks,	21 40
Aug.	G. H. Miller,	1 00
Sept.	A. W. Mead,	48 00
	Leach Brothers,	15 90
Oct.	Mrs. F. E. Aldrich,	17 10
	Mrs. F. E. Aldrich,	12 10
	Estate G. M. Starkweather,	9 60
Nov.	Chas. B. Field,	16 60
Total,		\$166 00

PLANKS AND POSTS

C. R. Nelson, sawing, \$10 21

SNOW

Mch.	E. Perry,	\$ 1 61
	D. S. Atwood,	1 00
	H. Fisher,	1 65
	O. I. Fisher,	8 30
	C. I. Tenney,	3 30
	C. I. Tenney,	4 40
	G. W. Piper,	12 02
	C. I. Tenney,	4 40
	C. I. Tenney,	23 80
	F. H. Holton,	8 80
	S. P. Tyler,	2 50
	O. S. Fisher,	5 38
	O. S. Fisher,	12 00
	E. Perry,	1 25
	J. L. Hammond,	9 30
	J. J. Fisher,	1 72
	Total,	\$101 33

SUNDRY

Robbins & Evans, spikes, etc.,	\$ 31 15
Town of Erving, use of scraper,	10 00
F. I. Webster, iron pipe,	6 26
A. Wallett, culvert,	24 75
G. Pratt, labor, bridges,	2 25
E. Thornton, labor, bridges,	3 75
L. Darling, labor, bridges,	3 75
F. E. Clough, labor, bridges,	6 33
C. I. Tenney, labor, bridges,	16 98
Central Vt., freight, scraper,	9 50
J. M. Anderson, repairing tools,	6 65
N. E. Road Machine Co., scraper,	175 50
E. C. Field, supervising State road,	12 50

F. I. Webster Co., sundry supplies,	21 25
C. E. Williams, tools,	3 50
C. I. Tenney, cement,	6 05

Total, \$340 17

Total Highway,	\$3,305 07
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00
Received from sprinkling,	128 15
Scraper charged contingent,	185 00
	\$3,313 15

CONTINGENT

Selectmen

E. C. Field,	\$100 00
F. E. Aldrich,	100 00
F. W. Doane,	100 00
N. E. Telephone Co.,	7 60
F. W. Doane, for expense to Boston,	18 32
N. E. Telephone Co.,	2 65

Total, \$328 57

Treasurer and Clerk

Wards, stationery,	\$ 5 25
Todd Protectograph Co., check writer,	25 00
C. T. Bagnall, stationery,	15 87
Library Bureau, blanks,	50
W. J. Wright,	621 55

Total, \$668 17

Town Accountant

B. F. Field,	\$300 00
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Assessors

E. C. Field,	\$ 14 00
A. W. Brownell, blanks,	22 25

Northfield Press, notices,	2 50
C. A. Ware,	149 00
M. T. Moore,	125 00
F. W. Williams,	150 00

Total,	\$462 75
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Election and Registration

F. A. Holton,	\$11 25
H. W. Russell,	2 50
John Callaghan,	10 00
H. W. Russell,	2 50
J. W. Field,	5 00
H. W. Russell,	2 50
F. E. Aldrich,	5 00
R. D. Ware,	10 00
H. W. Russell,	2 50
H. W. Russell,	2 50
F. H. Montague,	12 50
J. W. Field,	5 00
Chas. E. Leach,	12 50
B. C. Abbott,	5 00

Total,	\$88 75
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Constable and Police

A. O. Howard,	\$ 2 50
F. W. Doane, posting notices,	6 00
F. W. Doane, posting warrant,	6 00
F. A. Bigelow,	2 50
F. W. Doane,	3 50
F. W. Doane,	8 00
F. W. Doane,	6 00
F. W. Doane,	6 00
F. W. Doane,	6 00
F. W. Doane,	6 00
A. W. Walleth,	2 50

Total,	\$55 00
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Inspector of Meats

J. J. Fisher,	\$ 12 50
F. E. Heald, animals,	88 50
F. E. Heald, carcasses,	57 25
J. J. Fisher,	7 50
F. L. Howe, cattle,	71 00

Total,	\$236 75
Received from State,	\$44 25

Fire Warden

F. W. Doane, inspecting Seminary	\$ 4 00
F. W. Doane,	20 00

Total,	\$24 00
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Sealer of Weights

W. & L. E. Gurley,	\$ 1 25
J. L. Hammond, teams,	8 00
H. H. Mason,	50 00

Total,	\$59 25
Received from H. H. Mason,	\$31 16

Town Hall

C. E. Williams,	\$ 64
H. M. Bristol,	1 80
C. E. Williams,	3 60
Northfield Water Co.,	6 00
Evans Brothers, wood,	2 50
H. B. Doane, labor,	1 50
G. O. Dunnell, coal,	127 23
F. W. Williams,	7 00
Greenfield Electric, lights,	57 42
H. H. Mason, Janitor,	164 00

Total,	\$371 69
Received rents,	\$358 00

Brown Tail Moths

A. P. Lyman,	\$ 13 50
John Dale,	13 50
John Dale,	23 75

A. W. Wallett,	6 75
A. Lyman,	23 75
John Dale,	6 75
F. W. Doane,	51 25
A. Lyman,	6 75
John Dale,	2 25

Total,	\$148 25
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Fighting Fires

F. H. Montague, Farms,	\$ 23 00
F. H. Montague,	8 00
F. W. Doane,	5 50
F. H. Montague,	23 00
Town of Erving,	6 00
F. W. Doane,	2 50
F. H. Montague,	3 00
F. H. Montague,	13 50
F. W. Doane,	2 00
F. W. Doane,	13 75
F. W. Doane,	19 00
F. H. Montague,	11 75

Total,	\$131 00
Received from B. & M. R. R.,	\$65 50
Due from R. R.,	23 61

Belcher Fountain

George Slate,	\$15 00
A. W. Wallett,	1 00
F. W. Doane,	2 50
F. A. Bigelow,	25 00
A. W. Mead,	6 25
G. N. Kidder, cement,	1 60

Total,	\$51 35
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Sundries

Town of Gill, balance Munns Ferry,	\$ 2 78
H. M. Bristol, repairs to hydrant,	39 77
L. O. Clapp, balance 1915,	50 00

L. O. Clapp, on account 1916,	150 00
B. F. Field, postage Town Reports,	8 00
F. W. Doane, repairs to hydrant,	1 50
Northfield Press, printing Ballots,	12 85
Bureau of Statistics, note,	2 00
F. E. Newton, bounty wild cat,	5 00
Northfield Press, Town Reports,	108 00
Northfield Press, Valuation List,	119 00
Northfield Press, Billheads,	4 50
Northfield Press, Time Cards,	6 00
F. W. Doane, expenses to Boston, cemetery account,	31 36
Bureau of Statistics,	2 00
Mass. Bond Ins. Co., Treasurer,	48 00
Northfield Press, Voters' Lists,	7 50
Miss E. J. Thayer, water, West Northfield,	5 00
F. W. Doane, account Board of Health,	2 50
H. O. Russell, flag pole,	3 75
A. W. Mead, flag pole,	6 72
G. N. Kidder, team on hearse,	30 00
C. N. Stoddard, Lawyers, Cemetery,	177 15
E. C. Field, telephone,	60
F. A. Bigelow, flag pole,	3 00
A. T. Cummings, Town Clock,	5 00
Northfield Press, Billheads,	3 00
W. G. Ricketts, automobile damage,	400 00
Northfield Water Co., water,	12 00
Northfield Water Co., Belcher Fountain,	87 93
Howard Clock Co., repairing town clock,	30 88
Northfield Press, dog licenses,	2 00
Bureau of Statistics, note,	2 00
District Court, fees and expense,	38 20
A. George, fumigating candles,	1 40
I. E. Walker, Tax Collector, bond,	50 00
Bureau of Statistics,	2 00
Ray Company, liquor raid,	292 60
A. W. Mead, moving safe,	1 00
N. E. Machine Co., road scraper,	185 00
M. T. Moore, Tax Collector, 1914,	75 00
E. C. Field, water, Farms,	5 00

F. W. Doane, collecting dog tax,	15 00
Northfield Hose Co.,	55 25
H. H. Mason, Town Clock	25 00
M. Dunnell, labor,	50
F. W. Williams, plow, sidewalk,	11 25
G. N. Kidder, teams on hearse,	22 50
G. N. Kidder, burial returns,	15 00
G. N. Kidder, coal for chemical,	16 75
H. L. Hayden, pedler's license returned,	6 00

Total,	\$2,187 24
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Poor

Board and care,	\$261 98
Supplies,	276 50
Medical attendance,	1 50
Rent,	35 00
Funeral expenses,	10 00
Traveling expense,	6 00
Fumigating,	3 05
Hospital bills,	18 30

Total,	\$612 33
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N. E. Farm Bureau

N. E. Farm Bureau,	\$100 00
Appropriation,	\$100 00

Memorial Day

H. H. Johnson Post, G. A. R.,	\$75 00
Appropriation,	\$75 00

Painting School No. 4

C. B. Sanborn,	\$143 15
Appropriation,	\$150 00

State Aid

Sundry persons,	\$340 00
Received from State,	\$598 00

Union Hall, Farms

La France Fire Ex. Co.,	\$16 00
G. N. Kidder, lamps,	32 00
H. M. Bristol, plumbing,	11 40
E. C. Field, setting glass,	2 22

Total,	\$61 62
Received rents,	\$28 00

Official Bonds

Mass. Bond Ins. Co.,	\$48 00
S. E. Walker,	50 00

Total,	\$98 00
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Bennett's Meadow Bridge

B. & M. R. R., freight,	\$ 331 45
F. E. Aldrich, lumber,	287 50
G. McQuestion, lumber,	464 87
S. J. Edson, lumber,	229 44
Hatch & Shepardson, lumber,	624 00
Evans Bros., sawing,	74 86
E. A. Newcomb Sons, spikes, etc.,	34 70
F. W. Williams, teams,	17 00
J. Crelan,	5 00
T. Quinlan,	5 00
F. W. Doane,	5 92
E. E. Aldrich, contractor,	577 64

Total,	\$2,657 38
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Total cost,	\$3,085 32
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Montague paid,	\$ 307 93
Greenfield,	369 52
Gill,	461 90
Bernardston,	246 35
Warwick,	156 96 1,542 66

Northfield's share,	\$1,542 66
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There has been realized \$185.50 from the sale of old plank, one-half of which belongs to the contributing towns.

Graveling Schell Road

Paid for gravel,	\$ 83 40
Labor and teams,	279 01

Total,	\$362 41
Appropriation,	\$200 00
Seminary paid,	200 00
	\$400 00

Mt. Hermon Road

Gravel and teams,	\$141 50
Total cost,	\$1,386 42
Appropriation,	\$ 250 00
Mt. Hermon,	450 00
State,	700 00
	\$1,400 00

State Highway, Farms

Lane Construction Co.,	\$1,789 93
Total cost,	\$3,298 93
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00
Received from State,	278 39
	\$3,278 39

Munn's Ferry

F. L. Webster, wire,	\$ 2 88
C. E. Williams, supplies,	2 35
F. Shantley, Ferryman,	100 00

Total,	\$105 23
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Gill pays half this expense and Northfield half cost of Morgan Ferry.

Estate A. M. D. Alexander

Northfield Water Co.,	\$ 15 53
F. J. Fox, setting glass,	1 55
J. T. Cummings, painting,	30 64
High School Janitor,	60 00

Total,	\$107 72
Received rents,	\$206 00

Street Sprinkling

Standard Oil Co.,	\$ 901 00
Barrett & Co., tarvia,	231 12
Labor, teams, etc.,	324 81

Total	\$1,456 93
Appropriation,	\$1,200 00
Received for oil,	263 99

Total,	\$1,463 99
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Street Lights

Greenfield Electric,	\$1,806 94
Appropriation,	\$2,000 00
Balance from 1916,	447 08

Total,	\$2,447 08
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Library

Sundry expenses,	\$1,239 09
Appropriation,	\$200 00
Interest, etc.,	604 24

Schools

Expense,	\$11,540 06
Appropriation,	\$ 8,800 00
Interest, tuition, etc.,	2,809 27

Total,	\$11,609 27
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Cemeteries

Sundry expenses,		\$373 77
Balance, 1916,	\$205 64	
Interest,	210 70	
Total,	\$416 34	

Tree Warden

J. R. Colton, labor,		\$ 17 25
L. R. Alexander and team,		14 50
F. P. Janes,		29 25
J. R. Colton,		31 50
J. Sutherland and team,		34 75
F. P. Janes,		13 50
J. L. Hammond, team,		2 00
F. P. Janes,		10 13
N. W. Keet, repairing tools,		60
J. R. Colton, labor,		54 00
J. Sutherland, teams,		12 25
Robbins & Evans, supplies,		8 44
H. V. Martineau, labor,		60
J. T. Coughlin, labor,		1 00
J. Lawrence, repairing tools,		1 25
Total,		\$231 02
Balance, 1916,	\$ 82 83	
Appropriation,	150 00	
Total,	\$232 83	

RECAPITULATION

	DR.
Schools,	\$11,540 06
Library,	1,239 09
Cemeteries,	373 77
Tree Warden,	231 02
Highway,	3,305 07
Contingent,	5,110 04
State highway, Farms,	1,789 93
Munn's Ferry,	105 23
Alexander Estate,	107 72
Street sprinkling,	1,656 83
Street lights,	1,806 94
Bennett's Meadow bridge,	2,657 38
Graveling Schell road,	362 41
Mt. Hermon road,	141 50
Poor,	612 33
N. E. Farms Bureau,	100 00
Memorial Day,	75 00
Painting School No. 4,	143 15
State aid,	340 00
Union Hall, Farms,	61 62
County tax,	2,901 55
State tax,	4,090 00
Temporary loans,	22,000 00
Net bonded debt,	2,000 00
Interest,	1,942 00
Town warrants,	\$64,692 64
Balance cash, December 31, 1917,	11,833 71
Total,	\$76,526 35

RECAPITULATION

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Cash, January 1, 1917,	\$ 6,844 79
Temporary loans,	26,000 00
Tax 1914, balance,	345 84
1915, balance,	64 74
1916,	4,284 19
1917,	28,540 00
Schools,	2,809 19
Library,	604 34
Cemeteries,	210 70
Town Hall, rents,	358 00
Union Hall,	28 00
Street sprinkling,	263 99
State tax refund,	2,070 20
Alexander Estate, rents,	206 00
Interest,	135 70
Cemetery lots,	75 00
B. Meadow bridge,	1,542 66
Sale of planks,	185 50
Mt. Hermon road,	200 00
State highway, Farms,	278 39
Inspection animals,	44 25
State aid,	326 00
Licenses,	20 00
Fines,	406 00
Sealer of Weights,	31 16
Schell Bridge road,	200 00
Automobile damage,	200 00
Fighting fires,	65 50
Soldiers' exemption,	17 84
Sale hay, High School,	20 00
Wild cat,	5 00
Dog licenses,	143 37
Total,	\$76,526 35

BENJAMIN F. FIELD,

January 1, 1918.

Town Accountant.

Condition of the Town

Assets

Cash,	\$11,833 71
Balance 1916 taxes,	637 52
1917 taxes,	5,508 95
Total,	\$17,980 18

Liabilities

Outstanding loans,	\$12,000 00
F. W. Doane,	100 00
L. A. Polhemus,	100 00
C. S. Tenney,	100 00
B. F. Field, Town Accountant,	300 00
Total,	\$12,600 00

Bonded Debt

Bennett's Meadow bridge,	\$19,000 00
High School loan,	13,000 00
Total,	\$32,000 00

MARTHA W. ALEXANDER FUND

The amount of this fund is \$8,525 invested as follows:

Franklin Savings Institution,	\$4,200 00
Springfield Institution for Savings,	1,000 00
Crocker Institution for Savings,	825 00
Greenfield Savings Bank,	1,500 00
Orange Savings Bank,	1,000 00

We have received as interest the past year the sum of \$344.40, which we have disbursed according to the provision of the will.

FRANK H. MONTAGUE,
CHARLES L. ROBBINS,
CHARLES C. STEARNS,
Trustees.

January 12, 1918.

Assessors' Report

Value of assessed real estate,	\$1,324,959 00
Value of assessed personal estate,	226,252 00
Number of polls assessed,	504
Number of polls exempt,	13

Amount Raised by Town

Memorial Day,	\$ 75 00
Tree warden,	150 00
School physician,	50 00
B. M. bridge debt,	1,700 00
High School debt,	1,630 00
Oil for streets,	1,200 00
Painting No. 4 school,	150 00
Schools,	8,800 00
Library,	200 00
Highways,	3,000 00
Contingent and poor,	4,500 00
State road (Farms),	1,000 00
Schell bridge,	1,000 00

B. Meadow bridge,	1,500 00	
Schools,	300 00	
Street lights,	475 00	
George Washington Mem. bld.,	100 00	
Street lights,	2,000 00	
Graveling from drug store,	200 00	
Farm Bureau,	100 00	
		\$28,130 00

State tax,	\$3,850 00	
State highway tax,	240 00	
County tax,	2,901 55	
		\$ 6,991 55

Less received from intangibles, 1,616 58

\$ 5,374 97

Overlay, 544 21

5,919 18

Total,

\$34,049 18

Raised on polls, \$ 1,008 00

Raised on personal estate, 4,819 30

Raised on real estate, 28,221 88

\$34,049 18

Amount raised December as-
essment on real estate, \$17 04

Amount raised December as-
essment on polls, 2 00

\$19 04

Rate per \$1,000, \$21.30

CLINTON A. WARE,
MERRILL T. MOORE,
FRANK W. WILLIAMS,
Assessors of Northfield.

Report of . The Cemetery Commissioners

We submit our report for the past year for consideration.

The cemeteries have not had the usual care as in the past. At the last town meeting there was no appropriation for same. We would recommend an appropriation of \$150 for the coming year and we hope that people interested in the cemetery will see that we have this amount raised and appropriated.

Paid for the Care of Cemeteries

1917			
May	9	P. Coughlin, labor,	\$ 15 75
		C. O'Clair, labor,	34 25
		M. Coughlin, labor,	33 50
May	23	C. O'Clair, labor,	21 50
		M. Coughlin, labor,	19 25
June	13	C. O'Clair, labor,	21 00
June	27	J. L. Dunnell, fertilizer,	7 95
		N. W. Keet, repairing tools,	2 50
		C. O'Clair, labor,	28 25
July	11	C. O'Clair, labor,	25 84
July	25	C. O'Clair, labor,	23 48
Aug.	15	C. O'Clair, labor,	30 00
Sept.	5	C. O'Clair, labor,	32 50
Sept.	10	C. O'Clair, labor,	10 00
Sept.	12	N. W. Keet, repairing tools,	2 15
Sept.	26	C. I. Holton, West Northfield,	21 75
		F. V. Wood, Farms,	44 10
Balance, January 1, 1918,			42 57
Total,			\$416 34
1917			
Jan.	1	Balance from 1916,	\$205 64
		Received from interest fund,	210 70
Total,			\$416 34

Received for Sale of Lots

Northfield Farms Cemetery,	\$17 00
West Northfield and Central Cemetery,	75 00

Total,	\$92 00
Paid to W. J. Wright, Treasurer,	\$92 00

C. I. HOLTON,

F. V. WOOD,

GEO. N. KIDDER,

Cemetery Commissioners.

Northfield Water Company

Water rents received,	\$877 23
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Taxes,	\$ 76 60
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Interest,	90 00
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Legal expenses,	509 86
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Other expense and cost of operation,	916 13
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Total,	\$1,592 59
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B. F. FIELD,

Treasurer.

Report of School Committee

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LEON R. ALEXANDER, Clerk	1918
FRANK L. DULEY, Chairman	1919
RALPH O. LEACH	1920

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

ELMER F. HOWARD

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

F. W. DOANE, Deputy Sheriff

JANITOR AT CENTER

FRANK PEROULD

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources

Appropriation,	\$ 8,800 00
State school fund,	805 14
State ward tuition,	26 50
Belcher interest,	30 00
Town of Vernon, tuition,	120 60
Belcher interest,	2 00
State, for High School,	500 00
State, for Superintendent,	500 00
Gill, tuition,	45 00
State ward,	33 00
E. F. Howard, tuition, etc.,	483 50
Belcher interest,	24 00
Surplus revenue,	99 26
Belcher interest,	40 40
C. E. Babb & Co., error,	99 87
Alexander Estate,	60 00
Total,	\$11,669 27

The Dog Tax refund is not included in the resources, but it is to the credit of schools and should be added to the unexpended balance.

Expenditures

Superintendent and Committee,	\$ 778 40
Supervisor,	310 00
Teachers,	6,040 00
Books and supplies,	866 77
Janitors,	632 40
Fuel,	869 82
Miscellaneous,	344 13
Repairs,	290 30
Transportation,	1,408 15
Total,	\$11,540 06
Unexpended,	129 21
Total,	\$11,669 27

Expenditures Itemized

Superintendent and School Committee

E. F. Howard, salary 13 months,	\$771 65
Hunting Co. for books,	6 75
Total,	\$778 40

Supervisors

Elizabeth Strecker,	\$110 00
Beda Bjurmon,	100 00
Hazel Partch,	60 00
Edith Gray,	40 00
Total,	\$310 00

Teachers' Salaries

C. B. Baillie,	\$ 562 50
N. S. Mitchell,	450 00
S. A. Thompson,	580 00
F. M. Hodges,	501 25
Ann White,	180 00
Mary Holmes,	281 25
Helen Lyman,	25 00
Viola E. Haven,	550 00
Lottie E. Eyans,	432 00

C. Bess Rolfe,	486 00
Katharine Callaghan,	450 00
Delphine Lazelle,	231 00
Florence Howard,	165 00
Delcinia Neilson,	231 00
Julia Proctor,	135 00
Mary Dalton,	396 00
Helen C. Searle,	9 00
Marion P. O'Dea,	210 00
Dorothy Graves,	165 00
Total,	\$6,040 00

Janitors

Frank Perould,	\$416 65
Philip Howard,	37 50
C. E. Baxter,	50 00
Ruth Anderson,	29 75
Mary Dalton,	20 00
Dorothy Graves,	7 50
Helen Searle,	6 50
Marion P. O'Dea,	10 50
C. I. Holton,	54 00
Total,	\$632 40

Books and Supplies

D. C. Heath & Co.,	\$ 3 59
The A. N. Palmer Co.,	5 47
Macmillan Co.,	1 06
Ginn & Co.,	10 48
Alvin George,	1 70
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	3 57
Lyons & Carnahan,	11 65
The Cable Co.,	4 23
Shaw-Walker Co.,	2 57
J. L. Hammett Co.,	3 75
Milton, Bradley Co.,	1 31
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	86 91
Boston Paper Board Co.,	42 00

World Book Co.,	2 08
B. H. Sanborn,	1 39
Webb Pub. Co.,	1 13
E. E. Babb & Co.,	673 88

Total,	\$866 77
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Fuel

C. I. Holton,	\$ 32 35
G. O. Dunnell,	553 32
W. J. Johnson,	24 85
Evans Bros., slabs,	45 00
E. L. Morse, sawing,	12 00
Leach Bros.,	27 00
N. S. Mitchell and boys, cutting up fallen tree,	9 35
E. B. Stratton, labor,	7 00
C. A. Parker,	35 20
George W. Piper,	37 50
T. Quinlan Estate,	72 00
O. S. Fisher, slabs,	10 00
Albert J. Anderson, labor,	4 25

Total,	\$869 82
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Repairs

Geo. W. Piper, No. 6,	\$ 65 90
E. H. White, No. 6,	8 40
A. H. Wallett, No. 6,	31 85
Geo. Slate, No. 6,	12 50
Franklin Co. Lumber Co.,	5 30
Brien Heater Co.,	12 42
J. R. Colton,	5 20
Evans Bros.,	5 24
C. L. Johnson,	106 77
J. W. Barber,	2 80
F. W. Harness,	2 25
H. M. Bristol,	20 49
F. J. Fox,	5 58
A. M. Dunnell,	1 02
G. E. L. & P. Co.,	1 65

E. F. Howard,	62
C. H. Gilbert,	1 15
A. J. Anderson,	1 25

Total,	\$290 39
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Transportation

G. H. Lyman,	\$ 433 75
Joseph Bassett,	525 00
Auriel Richter,	96 00
Lewis Wood,	2 00
H. C. Holton,	53 00
Otis S. Fisher,	81 40
F. A. Davis,	40 00
John Callaghan,	120 00
John Black,	49 00
Roger Billings,	8 00

Total,	\$1,408 15
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Miscellaneous

Alvin George, chemicals, etc.,	\$ 2 60
Northfield Press, printing, etc.,	27 75
G. E. L. & P. Co.,	12 96
J. L. Hammond, labor on ashes,	5 00
T. H. Parker, trucking, etc.,	14 12
Forbes & Wallace, flags,	10 50
The Book Store, flag,	1 25
Robbins & Evans, supplies,	11 24
Geo. N. Kidder, supplies,	10 38
E. B. Buffum, supplies,	3 10
E. F. Howard, for small bills,	50 00
C. E. Williams, supplies,	11 72
F. Bigelow, labor on ashes,	1 65
F. W. Harness, clocks, etc.,	12 82
Lawrence Quinlan, work with team,	4 00
Northfield Water Co.,	57 03
Northfield Seminary, water,	53 14
C. I. Holton, water,	6 00
J. L. Hammett Co., diplomas,	9 79

H. A. Lewis, graduation exercises,	14 00
E. F. Howard, travel, etc.,	25 08
Total,	\$344 13

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of Northfield:

I have the honor to submit the following report.

The following statistics are taken from the report to the State Board of Education, and relate to the school year ending June 30, 1917:

Number of persons in town April 1, 1917:

Between 5 and 7:	Boys, 24	Girls, 17	Total, 41
Between 7 and 14:	Boys, 84	Girls, 80	Total, 164
Between 14 and 16:	Boys, 18	Girls, 23	Total, 41
Number of schools,			9
Number of teachers,			12
Number of supervisors,			2
Number of pupils enrolled,			311
Number enrolled in High School,			64
Aggregate attendance in days,			42,374
Aggregate attendance in High School,			10,086
Average daily attendance,			248.3
Average daily attendance in High School,			50.2
Average days of school, elementary,			170
Average days of school, high,			192
Average membership, elementary,			211
Average membership, high,			54.5

Pending the report of the Special Committee instructed to investigate the high school, no changes have been attempted there, and it is hoped that the report to be submitted will point out the way to make the usefulness and success of this school much greater than hitherto.

The pressure of numbers in the primary and the intermediate schools made it imperative to adopt some plan of relief, and so the seventh grade was added to the high school, and the fourth was added to the intermediate school. This

relief is probably temporary only, and it will not be very long before another elementary school will be needed in the Center School building.

Because of uncertainty as to beginning and closing school, no calendar is announced in this report.

The present conditions have made greater expenditures necessary in some departments of school administration, the three items most affected being fuel, school books and supplies, and transportation.

Other items, such as repairs and teachers' wages, are somewhat increased, and it can hardly be otherwise than that they, too, will respond to the general trend of prices, and increase very noticeably in the near future.

The only considerable repair made this year from the school appropriation is that in No. 6. The building has been properly underpinned and painted, which, together with some minor improvements and repairs, have cost a little in excess of \$100.

The Northfield Farms Building has been much improved by its new coat of paint, the expense being paid from the special appropriation made for that purpose.

In common with all other interests, the cost of the schools must inevitably increase. It is impossible to judge with confidence as to the future. To lessen the cost of anything seems out of the question. If we can continue on the present appropriation we shall indeed be fortunate.

Many suggestions come as to ways of reducing expense. Can we use wood instead of coal, with economy? If coal is not obtainable, can wood be made to heat the building during the coldest weather? Shall we have a long vacation in the winter and a short one in the summer? If we *could* have the elementary schools in session during July and August, would it be possible to hold the session of the high school at that time? Would the people support the school committee in holding high-school sessions six days in the week, thus accomplishing the 40-week year in nine months? Would it be possible and legal to increase the length of the school day one hour and so gain one day of five hours each week?

These and other propositions are suggested in the emergency. Whatever the answer may be to each question, it seems evident that conditions must continue unusual for some time to come and the school committee will be obliged to manage as well as possible when confronted with a dilemma.

The attention of the people is called to the special reports of the Principal of the High School and the Supervisor of Singing and Drawing, which are appended to this report.

It is believed by your superintendent that only the most acute conditions of actual need can justify the curtailment of educational opportunity to the children, and every effort will be made to make up the time lost on account of fuel shortage. In this attempt we hope to have the coöperation of the citizens and teachers, even though considerable inconvenience to them may result.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER F. HOWARD,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit my first annual report of Northfield High School.

School opened September 4, 1917, with a total membership of 91. Some changes were necessary in the teaching force, owing to the resignations of the Principal and Domestic Science teacher. Directly after the opening of school, Miss Ann White was elected to take charge of the Cooking Department and to assist in other subjects.

Miss Florence Hodges, who taught here last year, resumed her duties as teacher of English, History and Latin.

Miss Sue A. Thompson, who has done faithful service here for the past eleven years, has charge of the subfreshmen, and Miss Hazel Partch is the new music teacher.

Under the guidance and instruction of the teachers, the pupils are taking up their studies with zeal and vigor, and there is a marked degree of interest shown by all to gain their points.

The High School is approved by the State Board of Education, in Class B, and we have the special privilege of sending our graduates to nearly all of the New England colleges on certificate; but it is up to those who enter college to "make good" in order that this privilege may be continued. Good progress in school is sometimes impeded by the fact that pupils stay out to work. This lowers their rank and may be the means of losing a point. Therefore, I urge regular attendance whenever possible, and I ask all of the parents, or those who are interested, to coöperate with the teachers to keep up the standard of this school, in order that we may be able to compete with other schools, keep our boys and girls at home, and give them an education that will be a credit to themselves and an honor to those who have the matter in charge.

Considerable interest has been shown by the High School boys in athletics; but owing to lack of funds and time for practice, no basketball team was formed this year. Good work was done in practice baseball and by another spring there ought to be a good team on the diamond, well able to play games with other schools in our class. There is a good tennis court and those who have the chance should show more interest in this sport, as it is open to contestants from both sexes.

During the fall and first part of the winter a paper was circulated and an entertainment given to increase the piano fund, and although not as much was obtained as was expected yet enough so that a new piano has been purchased and one payment made.

A fifty-dollar U. S. Liberty Bond has been taken out by the school and is nearly all paid for. The dividend from this is to be used for some much needed improvements around the building.

I take this opportunity to thank the parents, teachers and superintendent for their kindly interest and coöperation.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON S. MITCHELL,

Principal.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF SINGING
Mr. E. F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: At your request I am submitting the following report:

The music work in the schools of Northfield, Gill, Leyden and Bernardston during the fall term has progressed quite satisfactorily. This progress is due largely to the coöperation and painstaking efforts of the grade teachers, for as much—if not more—depends upon them as upon the supervisor.

I have tried to introduce more ear training—and to insist upon written work, for the child should learn to write music as well as to read it.

There are limitless possibilities in the district schools for musical development, although we lack sufficient time for the music work in these schools.

The Progressive series of music readers has been introduced in the Northfield schools and in several of the schools of Gill—these readers taking the place of the New Educational readers, which were in a very poor condition.

The children's interest in their music seems to have revived with the use of these splendid new books, and we hope to accomplish much during the remaining months.

We also hope to purchase a second hand Chickering Grand piano for the high school, and have already made the first payment. A new instrument is absolutely necessary for good chorus work in the high school, and we hope that the townspeople will coöperate with us in our efforts to obtain it.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL H. PARTCH,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING
Mr. E. F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I am pleased to submit my first report as Supervisor of Drawing in the town of Northfield.

Since October the same outline that is used in the towns of Gill, Leyden and Hinsdale has been followed. The schools, thus far, have had free hand drawing and perspec-

tive charcoal drawing, nature studies, color, construction drawing, and constructive work and design. The upper grades use water color in their color work, while the lower grades use crayon.

Two lessons a week are given. The special teacher gives one lesson in two weeks and the other lessons are given by the regular teacher.

In the Seventh and Eighth Grades and High School, the drawing has not been entirely satisfactory as only two lessons a month are given. A very few High School pupils take drawing. About ten pupils in the High School wished to take mechanical drawing, but we were not able to obtain the necessary instruments for the class on account of the war.

The pupils are interested, and much credit is due the teachers for their earnest help.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH FLORENCE GRAY,

Supervisor of Drawing.

Report of Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library have the honor of presenting the following report for the year ending December 31, 1917:

Because of the difficulty of getting coal or dry wood the library is not opened Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. It is quite probable that, unless fuel conditions improve, the library will be closed altogether. This would be very unfortunate for our library is an educational institution second to none in Northfield. Moreover, it is the only educational opportunity available to a large number of our inhabitants.

The Polish people are rapidly increasing as citizens of our town and are asking for Polish literature, *i. e.*, a paper and books printed in their language. As they are taxpayers, this is a reasonable request. The State Library Commission has sent a list of Polish books, free of expense, which are to be returned after a while. This was obtained through the request of our librarian. At the same time it is very desirable that every means possible be employed to encourage our foreign population to become closely acquainted with our language.

The teachers in our public schools are using the Library books more largely than ever before, which enlarges the circulation, but this does not appear in the Librarian's report.

Our relic rooms are invitingly wide open for accessions. This part of our library is receiving very favorable comment from our summer visitors, especially from librarians in large cities. Mrs. F. Ambler Welch was elected to the Board of Trustees one year ago, to take the place of Mrs. C. H. Webster, who declined to serve longer. Through the initiative of our Librarian many scrap books have been made and filled with cuts and printed matter taken from current literature. These are to be sent to our American camp hospitals. Appended are the reports of the Librarian and Town Accountant.

The Trustees ask for an appropriation of \$300 for the year ensuing.

N. P. WOOD,
F. L. DULEY,
E. F. HOWARD,
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S. CATHERINE RICHARDSON,
BLANCHE M. WELCH,

Library Trustees.

Librarian's Report for Year Ending December 31, 1917

Volumes in library last report,	8,441
Purchased last year,	101
Given last year,	24
Volumes bound,	7
Total in library,	8,553
Number of families patrons,	269
Number of individual patrons,	143
Number of books taken by families,	12,010
Number of books taken by public schools,	190
Number of books taken by visitors,	375
Magazines circulated,	2,301
Total circulation,	15,288
Balance on hand last report,	\$ 8 59
Received check from trustees,	2 85
Received for book bound,	1 25
Fines collected,	17 10
Paid for burners,	\$ 4 55
Janitor's supplies,	3 15
Cards and stamps,	4 75
Incidentals,	6 55
Balance,	\$10 79
Publications subscribed for,	36
Publications given,	10
Number of readers using room,	3,110

Books Given

Wm. R. Moody,	1
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A. E. Stuart,	1
Mrs. Ida Harris,	1
A. J. Brown, D. D.,	2
Rev. Geo. Witte,	2
Miscellaneous books,	17

Relics

A. M. Solandt: Scrap book.
Dr. N. P. Wood: Wrench for cord bed.
Cora Moore: Prehistoric weapon; fossil fern.
Miss Ellen Merriam: Old book.

Library Account, 1917

	Dr.
To Librarian,	\$ 247 00
Janitor,	204 12
Books,	180 52
Magazines,	98 65
Fuel,	186 38
Light,	54 17
Insurance,	192 15
Sundry repairs,	47 27
Printing,	4 25
Boiler inspection,	2 00
Water,	18 18
Sundries,	4 40
Total,	\$1,239 09

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Jan. 1 By balance from 1916,	\$ 368 42
Feb. 5 Appropriation,	200 00
Apr. Interest Inter State Mtge. Co.,	150 00
June Interest Belcher Fund,	160 00
Nov. Interest Belcher Fund,	107 67
Dec. Interest Belcher Fund,	186 67
By balance to debtor 1918,	66 33
Total,	\$1,239 09

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